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Prospective Juryman's Assertion That He Was Not Dead Comparatively Easy to Believe.

On a recent jury day in the First district court a stolid-looking German presented to Justice Joseph a certifi-cate from the commissioner of jurors. After a rapid glance at the document the justice ordered the man to raise his right hand and administered the

"Yes, your honor."

"This paper," continued the court, "requests me to excuse Herman Kaufman from jury duty on the ground that he is dead. Now, remember that you have sworn to tell the truth, and think well before you answer; Are you dead?"

"Noo, your honor," was the bewildered reply, "I don't think I am.",
"You claim that you are alive?"
"Yes, your honor."
"That will do. Now take this paper back to the commissioner of jurors."
The man did so. When the commissioner examined the certificate it bore the following indorsement in the justice's handwriting: "The deceased, appearing before me in open court, insists, under oath, that he is not dead. Please investigate, and, if his testimony be false, have him indicted for perjury,"—New York Press.

NATIONAL FOOD OF MEXICANS

The Tortilla Is the Bread Used by Our Southern Neighbors-Frijoles Are Boiled Beans.

The tortilla is the ancient Indian bread of Mexico. Its only constituent is Indian corn (maize), which the women soak in lime water until the kernels are at the point of bursting, then wash thoroughly until it is free from lime, when they grind it by rubbing it on a large block of stone, specially cut for the purpose, with a smaller stone which they hold in their hands.

rubbing clothes on a washboard and
is a laborious and tedious one. The
lime renders the corn fough adhesive,
like wheat flour dough, and it is easily
patted between the hands into cakes
the size and shape of an ordinary griddle. Though no sait or leaven is added
fresh tortillas are exceedingly palat. fresh tortillas are exceedingly palat-

The one other food mainstay is frijoles—ordinary beans. They are boiled to a mush and with a liberal quantity of lard are warmed as required in a flat earthen dish that answers for a frying pan. The very poor people do not always have the luxury of frijoles and when they do have them cannot always afford the lard.

Had Its Origin in the Judicial Combat and Found Favor with All Nations.

Dueling in the proper sense of the word was handed down from the early Germans, Danes and Franks, all of whom cawled the practice of the judicial combat to such an extreme that only women, sick persons, cripples and men more than 60 years old were exempt from it. The judicial combat was especially authorized by Gundebald, king of the Burgundians, as early at 501 A. D.

Finally the practice of dueling was earlied into France, where it soon became so common that it is estimated that 6,000 persons fell in mortal combat in the ten years of the reign of

bat in the ten years of the reign of Henry IV. Single combats are said to have

been introduced in England by the Normans. During the period of chivalry in that country they were in common practice, but in the strict interpretation of the word they could not be called duels. In the literal sense of the word, the duel was introduced in England about the time that the practice became prevalent in

The first encounter of this kind took place at Plymouth, Mass., in 1621, two of the settlers deciding a question of honor with the heavy swords that were carried in those days.

WAS SOMETHING OF A JOLT.

Addressed by Child as "Grandpa," Man Forced to Admit He Is Getting Old.

"I hate to think it," said the man with frost in his hair, "but really I

must be growing old.
"Three times within as many weeks
young men have got up in street cars young men have got up in street cars to give me their seat, showing thereby, as they fancied, due respect for age. I wish they wouldn't, for I don't feel old, and I have to think I look old and I don't believe I do. I think those three young men were too polite, well meaning and all that, but not good judges of age, misled by the gray in my thatch; and so I don't consider that their mistaking me for an old looking man really proves me so or should in any way disturb mer but I did get a judgment on myself this morning, a natural, in-

"A little child that I was looking at, a small child just old enough to be beginning to talk, looked at me and smiled and said: "Grandpa!" and that was hard to get away from.
"I guess now I'll have to dye my hair."

Wild Flowers in the South.

One morning you drive through the woods and see nothing but the usual green of winter; two days after on the same road you behold afar what seems to be a huge white sheet showing through the tree trunks and bishes. It is not a sheet meraly a solid curativo? Cohrokee roses, waxy white, fragrant and blooming a so thickly that only sheet and there is any green to be seen.

A big dead tree that has been showing gray and hidecons for months turns over night into an enormous pumple bequiet; it is the work of a windria, anothing down shoetrs of largader sweatiess with every puff of wied. Sweet olive, bridal weath wild lasses with gray puff of wied. Sweet olive, bridal weath wild lasses with a different purpose a wicked, delightful expanagance to northern eyes, and the noble army of lilles marches up the side of each path and waves its banners beneath every wall.—Pass Christian correspondence St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PRIDE OF AMSTERDAM JEWS.

Bynagogue in That City, Built Refuges, is Easily the Finest in the World.

In the midst of the Jewish quarter stands the pride of Amsterdam Jews, the grandest synagogue in the world. It is "great" in everything, in its size, its proportion, its age and its traditions. There is no synagogue like it anywhere, and while it stands there cannot be anything like it.

The great temple in the Rue de la Victoire in Paris may perhaps he larger, the splendid synagogue in the Oranienburgerstrasse in Berlin may be more ornate, but the Portuguese synagogue in Amsterdam has a glory all its own. Its majestic columns, its solid oak, its noble ark and its lovely

all its own. Its majestic columns, its solid oak, its noble ark and its lovely windows all speak eloquently of the type of Jew that sought the hospitali-ty of Holland when the cruel and short-sighted polley of the Spain of those days drove the ploneers of the community into the hardy little north-

peace and glory. Curiously enough, its early members, free themselves at last from persecution, seemed at times to make up for the persecution

times to make up for the persecution they had endured by their own internal intercommunal intolerance.

Their treatment of Uriel Acosta is a most painful chapter in their local history, and their attitude toward Baruch Spinoza was an error for which no compensation can ever be made. To the visitor to the synagogue is still shown the seat which Spinoza is supposed to have occupied, but the tradition is probably apochryphal.—Jewish Chronicle.

MALE "LADY OF THE HOUSE"

Not Uncommon for New York Board-ing Places to Be Conducted by Men.

"A man acting as lady of the house in a first-class bearding house was a distinct surprise to me," said a New York woman who has been trying to find a pleasant home for a friend from out of town. "In a single morning I came across two bearding bearest where me, were in charge houses where men were in charge.
The first man was quite communicative and when I expressed my regret
that I could not make arrangements
with his wife instead of himself, he

People wanted to stay and it was easier to let things go on in the old

wny."

"The second man didn't have the same excuse, as he'd never had a wife. He'd been living in the same house for a good many years and when it was about to break up several years ago he took it over rather than give up his comfortable home. Incidentally he told me he was opening a small boarding house down at the seashore, which was easily reached by the elevated road, and that his guests could come down there for a week end and always feel at home. He laid no claims to being a hotel keeper—just a man who was playing 'landlady' in a boarding house."—New York Sun.

MR. JURGLETON HAS NOTICED

Ne Man, Young or Old, in a Stovepipe Hat, Ever Seen Carrying a Baby, He Declares.

"Did you ever," said Mr. Jurgleton, "see a man in a slik hat carrying an infant child? Never, I venture to

"You do see plenty of fathers, young fathers, mostly, carrying their bables, and very willing to carry them, indeed and very willing to carry them, indeed proud of their offspring; but you never see such a father in a tall hat. They may wear forty-leven other kinds of hats—derbles, soft hats, straw hats, or as many kinds of caps, but no father carrying an infant ever wears a silk hat.

"Of course there can't be any fashion decree about this. Refraining from
wearing a silk hat on such occasions
must be due just to instinctive common sense; the baby is an extremely
informal thing, liable to scream or cry
or wriggle or squirm at any minute,
to bear itself in many ways in a manner quite incompatible with high hat
dignity; and even young fathers seem
to know this, and so they leave their
stovepipe tiles on the shelf at home
when they go out with the baby. They
seem to know what is fitting instinct
ively; but you never see a man in a

ART IN OLD ENGLISH HOUSES

Beautiful Carving and Paneling That Had Long Been Concealed is Discovered.

When a low range of buildings at Little Horkesley, Essex, England, which for a century and a half had which for a century and a half had been let in five separate tenements, came into the market and was bought by an owner who, having an eye for things old and curious, had the walls stripped, aurprising discoveries were made. It was found that all five were really parts of one old Tudor house. Behind the whitewash and plaster and common wall paper were brought to light beautiful carving and paneling of the Tudor period. The doors were found to be of oak heavily studded with nails.

During the last summer the village

ded with nails.

During the last summer the village church at Doddington, Kent, underwent that process known as "restoration," which in too many cases has spelled destruction, and in the course of the work the removal of a quantity of plaster led to the discovery of an unexpected iancet window of the thirteenth century, which had been blocked up for many generations.

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The splays were well preserved, and the discoverers were rewarded not only by finding the arch of the lancet beautifully decorated with stars and roses, all in excellent preservation, but by the revealing on one of the splays of a noble figure of a monk, nearly seven feet high, portrayed in the act of giving the benediction.

Popularizing the Potato.

One of the most remarkable menus
ever drawn up must have been that
of the feast in Paris to which Benja min Franklin, Lavoisier (the founder of modern chemistry) and other dis-tinguished men sat down as guests of tinguished men sat down as guests of Parmentier. Every dish at this ban-quet was made of potatoes, and even the brandy and liquors were the prod-uct of the same vegetable. This was Parmentier's final proof to his skep-tical fellow countrymen that potatoes were not poison, as they persisted in belleving. Louis XVI. himself was one of Parmentier's earliest converts, granted him land on which to grow his playing and did not disdain to wear the potato flower as a buttonhole. Then Parmentier cleverly posted guards round his potato fields by day and withdrew them by night, so that people were tempted to come then, steal, est and be-convinced. The all-potate banquet was the climax of the great campaign.



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